

Center for Pastoral Effectiveness of the Rockies will begin Iowa retreat series in August

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Described by many clergy who have attended as “the most valuable continuing education experienced” they have ever had, the Center was created to Maintain Ministers in Ministry. Interested? Read on ...

When a church is anxious, for whatever reason, clergy are often seen as “the problem” that needs to be exorcised from the church. It is often scapegoating on the part of the church. In fact, when the “problem clergy” issue develops in a church system and all of the attention is focused on that person, it usually means there are deeper, more basic issues being ignored by the church. The scapegoating is a great way for the church system to eliminate looking at themselves. So how do we as clergy deal with this? This is what we address in The Center for Pastoral Effectiveness of the Rockies.

The Center series begins Aug. 17-19, at Broadway UMC, Council Bluffs. It includes six three-day retreats scheduled over 18 months and costs only \$1980 spread over that same time period. Don’t let money be the deciding factor. The Center is designed to span three calendar years to make more Continuing Education funds available.

Registering is as simple as sending an e-mail to the Rev. Bill Selby at integrity4u@comcast.net. For more information you can contact your District Superintendent or any of the following Leila Blackburn, James Buckhahn, Douglas Harding, Tom Boomershine, Karen Garrison, Jack Hofmockel, Neva Thorn Perdue, Alberta Ervin, Jaymee Glenn Burns, David Glenn Burns, as well as another sixteen Iowa clergy.

Photo caption: The Rev. Bill Selby, director of the Center for Pastoral Effectiveness of the Rockies, conducts a workshop with clergy in Lincoln, Neb.

